

# DARING JEWELRY ROBBERY IN GARY NETS THIEVES \$4,000

## PEACE PACT SIGNED BY GERMANS WITH UKRANIA

### CENTRAL POWERS IN JOINT ACT

Document Said to Have Been Signed at Two O'clock This Morning.

(By United Press Cablegram.) COPENHAGEN, Feb. 9.—A peace pact between Germany and the Ukrainian republic was signed at Brest Litovsk at 2 a. m. today, according to an official announcement at Berlin.

Austria-Hungary probably was also a party to this act.

Ukraine, formerly a part of the Russian empire, embraces part of the territory of the old kingdom of Poland. It is traversed by the Dnieper river and is one of the most fertile lands in Europe. The fact Ukraine is a great wheat producing region may account for the anxiety of the Central Powers to arrange a separate peace. Permanent stopping of hostilities with Ukraine would open a great source of food supply.

### HAMMOND MAN HEARS FROM SON

M. J. Mander, Now Motorcycle Dispatch Rider in France.

M. C. Mander, 284 Indiana avenue, Hammond, has received a very interesting communication from his son, Walter J., who is now stationed with the aviation somewhere in France. He is a motorcycle dispatch rider and enlisted in Montana when the war broke out. The letter is as follows:

Dear Mother and Father:

At present we are located in an old monastery, but just how long we will be quartered here I do not know as they keep us moving from one place to another. I do not imagine for very long though, as we have no conveniences here to speak of.

Our trip across the Atlantic was without mishap, but certainly was an enjoyable one. I don't believe any one who has crossed can say that they had a more delightful and interesting voyage than we did. We landed in England and after remaining there a short time crossed the English channel, which is certainly a very dangerous strip of water to cross. We were on the lookout night and day for submarines. There are lots of interesting things I could tell you but all those things are censored.

I am certainly enjoying the life here with the American expeditionary force with the greatest of pleasure. I am under the opinion that we won't be long in settling things and be home. With love to all and will write again soon. You can send a box of candy if you want to.

PRVT. WALTER J. MANDER, 116 Aero Service Squadron A. S. S. C.

### DIVORCE CASES FILED AT HAMMOND

Pearl Colton vs. John; cruel treatment (J. W. Brissey).  
Louis E. Shandy vs. Maggie Shandy; desertion. (W. M. Bruce).  
Ella Townsend vs. John W. Townsend; adultery. (F. Barnett).  
Wilhelmina Gheke vs. Herman Gheke; inhuman. (M. M. Bruce).  
Ella Townsend, wife of a locomotive engineer, charged her husband with being unfaithful to her. Each is fifty-four years of age.

### H. K. HALLAM TO PROVISOR H. S.

H. K. Hallam, who has held the position of Manual Training instructor in the Hammond public schools during the past two years, leaves for Chicago today where he has accepted a lucrative offer in the same capacity at the Proviso school. Mr. Hallam has made a wide circle of friends during his residence in Hammond and they wish him success in his new field.

### CAPITAL FAVORITE ON WAY TO FRONT



Mrs. Herbert Shipman of Washington, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edson Bradley and a favorite in Washington social circles, is now on her way to the front in France to serve as a Red Cross nurse. Several months ago when her husband left the rectorship of the Church of Heavenly Rest in New York to serve as chaplain at Spangdahm, S. C., Mrs. Shipman began training in a New York hospital.

### FUEL LACK BLAME SHIFTS TO MINES

Report Shows All of Coal Cars Furnished by Railroad Weren't Loaded.

The railroads of Indiana, making heroic efforts during the unfavorable month of January, furnished most of the cars demanded for the coal mines of Indiana.

The reports of the inspection department of the public service commission, giving this fact today, showed that all of the cars furnished were not loaded.

The blame for the present coal shortage is shifted, on the face of these reports, from the railroads to the mine operators or the miners.

E. J. Lewis, chairman of the public service commission, announced today that weekly reports on railroads would be given to that accurate data on railroad and mining operations can be published.

For the week ending January 12, there were 14,411 cars required and the railroads furnished 14,083 cars. However, only 10,223 cars were loaded at the mines. One answer of the operators to this statement is that the railroads do not move the cars from the mines as fast as they are unloaded, and that they fill up the sidetracks so that all the cars cannot be loaded.

For the week ending January 19th, 11,838 cars were required, 12,150 were furnished and 9,181 were loaded.

The production for the three weeks according to statement was 45,990 tons of coal for the week ending January 12; 12,261,000 tons for the week ending January 19, and 112,795 for the week ending January 26.

### 300 ALIENS EXPECTED

Extension of time has been granted in registering alien enemies according to dispatches sent out by the government this morning and all those who are subject and as yet have not registered have until next Wednesday evening to do so.

The registration was supposed to be closed today, but owing to the large task of making out three separate blanks for each registrant and the hundreds yet to register the time limit was exhausted. This morning at the Hammond police station, the place was flooded with registrants and it is probable that the week will go on until late tonight. In the neighborhood of three hundred have registered.

### HAMMOND IS BEATEN.

(Special to The Times) CROWN POINT, IND., Feb. 9.—The Crown Point high school basketball team sprung a surprise in the Lake county high school basketball league last night when they defeated Hammond by a score of 25-21. The game was hotly contested throughout but Hammond was unable to overcome the big lead registered by the Hub quintet in the first half. Hammond lay their defeat to the fact of not being used to playing on a small floor.

### MINISTERS OF DEFENSE COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER JUVENILE HEARINGS

Morals Committee Calls Meeting at Hammond Next Week.

The committee on morals of the county council of defense composed of the pastors of the First M. E. church and Holy Angel's parish, Gary, and Christian church, Hammond, has issued a call for a general meeting to be held at Chamber of Commerce, Hammond, next Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Juvenile delinquency will be one of the chief topics of discussion.

Notice of the meeting has been issued as follows:

GARY, IND., Feb. 7, 1918.  
Dear Sir: One of the standing committees of the state and county councils of defense throughout the United States is a committee on morals. The Council of Defense of Lake County wishes such a committee organized.

The work which a committee on morals would undertake could only be determined by the committee itself. But it would seem that it might well include definite efforts to arouse patriotic sentiment and to bring it to bear against all forms of lawlessness as weakening to our nation at a time when it needs all its strength to win the war. The increase in juvenile delinquency due to the war is a problem that should have the attention of someone. There are doubtless other ways in which a committee on morals could render valuable service.

A meeting for the purpose of organizing such a committee will be held at Hammond Chamber of Commerce, 525 Holmann street, Hammond, on Thursday, February 14, at 2:30 p. m. There will be short speeches by Mr. R. C. Minton of Indianapolis, attorney for the Anti-Saloon League, and Mr. S. P. Thrasher of Chicago, superintendent of the Committee of Fifteen. Following the speeches the question of forming the committee will be taken up immediately.

Such a committee offers clergyman an opportunity to "do their bit" toward winning the war, and it is to be hoped that you will plan to be present. If the committee is to prove effective there must be represented on it a number of strong laymen. Will you not therefore bring with you at least two laymen from your congregation?

Very truly yours,  
CO. COUNCIL OF DEFENSE.  
By Rev. William Grant Seaman, Pastor Methodist Episcopal church, Gary, Ind.  
Rev. Thomas Janson, Holy Angels Church, Gary, Ind.  
Rev. C. J. Sharp, pastor Christian Church, Hammond, Ind. Committee.

### GERMANS GET MORE AMERICANS

(By United Press Cablegram.) BERLIN (via London) Feb. 9.—(Some American prisoners were taken north of Nivsky, the war office announced today.)

Available maps fail to show such a town as "Nivsky," it is barely possible that the town is Vainay, about four miles northeast of St. Mihiel. This would locate it in the American sector as officially announced.

A later cable listed Private David Goldberg of Chicago, as slightly wounded in action, Feb. 5.

### BUFFINGTON EMPLOYEE IS KILLED

Last night about 6 o'clock, a man by the name of E. Briggs, whose home is in South Chicago, was killed by a New York Central west-bound train at the crossing near the plant of the Buffington Universal Portland Cement Co.

Briggs was an employee of the Buffington plant and apparently was on his way home from work.

The body was taken to the Lake Shore station and then turned over to Burns & McQuinn, undertakers. An effort is being made to reach relatives in South Chicago.

### NO CANDY PUNCH BOARDS ALLOWED

CROWN POINT, Feb. 9.—Hebron, which for a long period past has engaged the distinction of permitting the operation of candy punch boards in local stores, has decided on a clean-up and today the town marshal visited every store having such a board and confiscated this device. No longer will it be permitted in Hebron, and the work was done under orders of the town board.

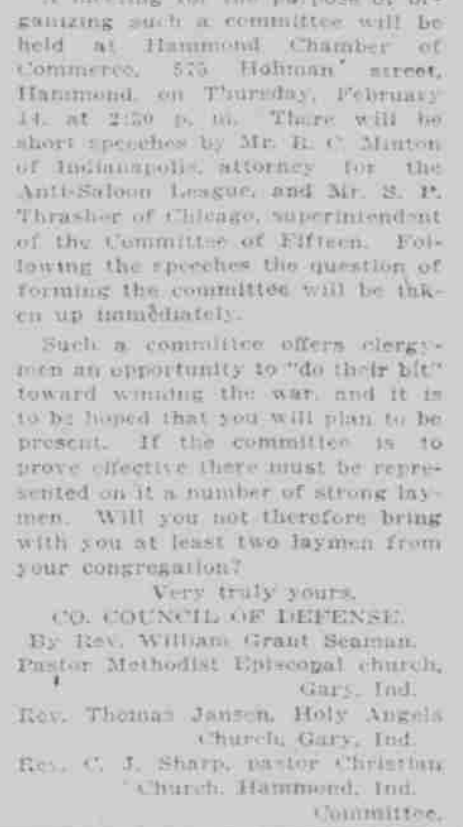
### UNFILED STEEL TONNAGE INCREASES

(By United Press.) NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—The unfiled tonnage of the United States Steel corporation increased 96,125 tons over December 31. The total unfiled tonnage on Jan. 31 was 2,477,882 against 2,381,757 on December 31. \$87,105 on Nov. 30, and 11,474,054 Jan. 31, 1917.

### Visits Soldier Son.

(Special to The Times) HATTIESBURG, MISS., Feb. 9.—Peter Budnik, of East Chicago is here visiting his son who is a member of Company M of the East Chicago troops.

### IRISHWOMAN FIGHTS WITH SERBIANS AND WINS DECORATIONS FOR HER PLUCK



Sergeant Major Flora Sandes rests in the trenches.

For two years Sergeant Major Flora Sandes, an Irish woman of rare pluck and with an Erin smile, has been fighting with the Serbian army. She went to Serbia with an ambulance unit but in an early retreat was cut off from her sisters in mercy. She couldn't let a little thing like that interfere for long, though, so she joined a Serbian regiment as a private.

For two years she has been in all the fighting, except for a short time while she was being treated for

wounds received in battle. She has been awarded the highest decorations in the gift of Serbia and has risen to the rank of sergeant major.

### EXTRA

#### MOBS THREATEN LYNCHING

(By United Press.) CHICAGO, Feb. 9.—Mobs are threatening to lynch Germans in Wilmington, Ill., according to telephone messages received at the department of justice today. Hundreds of men are demanding that Mayor McAlister surrender Joseph Dietmeyer, a German miner, alleged to have approved of the Tuscan's sinking. The mayor appealed to the department of justice for help. Aid is being sent from Joliet.

#### NAMES BEGIN TO COME IN

(By United Press.) WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—Out of the war zone today came the names of hundreds of Americans saved from the torpedoed transport Tuscany.

The names are now being sent across the water in a steady stream and compiled for publication as rapidly as possible. Not until the entire list is in can the war department determine those who gave up their lives. Those thus far announced include:

Russell E. Elkberry, 1119 North Anderson street, Elwood Ind.; Hay Sam Greenier, 5108 State street, Chicago.

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#### Wheeling Faces Flood.

(By United Press.) WHEELING, W. VA., Feb. 9.—The city faces one of the worst floods in its history today.

The thaw of the last two days has started huge ice gorges along the Ohio river and weather officials say if they stop at Mountaineer, Wheeling will be flooded.

At Wheeling Creek, fashionable residential section the river is thirty-two feet.

#### Monon Resumes Traffic.

LOWELL, IND., Feb. 9.—The wreck two miles south of Lowell was cleared away about ten o'clock Thursday night and trains are going through to Chicago. All trains yesterday were either unimpeded or detoured except milk trains which passed through here about 2:00 p. m. On account of the length of time required to clear the track the wreck was a serious one. Fortunately no one was reported to have been injured.

#### GIVES THEM TILL MARCH 1

Nineteen days still remain for automobile owners to acquire their 1918 license numbers according to chief of police Austin of Hammond this morning and those not having them by the first of March are to be arrested and made examples of, if they are not able to give a sufficient excuse. "We are too lenient with those not having their license numbers in time last year," said Chief Austin, "and if one warning is not sufficient I am going to treat them with the law."

#### DEATH OF BABE.

After a brief illness of stomach trouble Shirley Elmore, year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kent Whitmore, 222 Lewis street, died yesterday morning. The funeral will be held at the home Monday afternoon and interment will occur at Oak Hill cemetery.

### BIG STEAL LAST NIGHT AT GARY



Bandits Get \$4,000 In Raid On Broadway Jewelry Store; Holdup Man Also Busy.

The most daring robbery in Gary this year took place during the night in the heart of the south side business district when bandits looted Henry Wellner's jewelry store, 1105 Broadway, and cleaned out the place. They took everything of value that wasn't in the safe, their haul amounting to \$4,000.

Make Hole in Floor. After gaining entrance to the basement by a front door key the raiders sawed a hole a foot square and got into the store in that manner. Mr. Wellner carried \$2,000 burglary insurance.

Cut Wires. Police found that the raiders had cut the electric wires after entering the building, thereby shutting off light and alarm bells. It is thought that they had a boy crawl through the hole, because of the size.

Negro Robber Uses Gun. Several times last evening, due to atmospheric conditions, Gary's electric lights went out. It was during one of these dark spells at supper time that a negro bandit attacked John Franka in front of his home at 1629 Georgia street.

The negro shot at Franka twice after failing to get any money from him, but both bullets went astray.

Later the police arrested Clarence Taylor, whom they said had a two-bullet derringer pistol in his possession.

August Rankin, colored, was arrested on a burglary charge.

Jewelry Place Guarded. Wellner's store was not only under the guard of city police, but was periodically visited during the night by patrolmen of a merchant protective police. Mr. Wellner is getting up a descriptive list of the robbery.

### Latest Bulletins

(By United Press.) WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—Fighting between Americans and Germans on the west front has resulted in wounding of two more of Pershing's men, the war department announced today.

Six deaths from natural causes also were reported.

(By United Press.) WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—Anti-Austrian demonstrations have taken place in Croatia and Zagreb and scores of agitators have been arrested, according to dispatches from Geneva today.

"Austrian papers received here," the dispatch stated, "admit there is great unrest in Croatia. The Dalmatians deputy to Vienna and the editor or a Croatian newspaper have been banished for participating in a demonstration.

"Vienna newspapers declare the uprising was instigated by a masonic lodge."

(By United Press.) NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—Declaring the time has come to attempt bringing about peace, pacifists, socialists and radicals among labor men are arranging a peace conference here Feb. 16 and 17. Delegates will be elected, it is stated, to a similar meeting in London.

(By United Press.) WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—Bitter denunciation of Austria's decoration of soldiers for murders in Serbia and Romania was made in the Reichstag, Geneva dispatches declared today. One deputy charged that the Austrian bureaucracy instigated most of the murders and that it has the authority to permit wide circulation of postal cards illustrating these iniquities.

(By United Press Cablegram.) LONDON, Feb. 9.—Enemy patrols were somewhat more active in the sector north of Lens last night," Field Marshal Haig reported today.

(By United Press.) WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—Following closely upon their victory over the Turks, northeast of the Dead Sea, the Sheik of Mecca's forces have captured El Marra, an important Turkish town. Official war reports stated today.

(By United Press.) WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—Both Germany and Austria signed the peace pact with the Ukrainian republic, it was officially announced by wireless today from Berlin and Vienna.

(By United Press.) WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—Registration dates for enemy aliens have been extended to include Feb. 11, 12 and 13, according to announcement today by the committee on public information. The extension was made to give plenty of time for compliance with the law before prosecution begins.

### GARY POLICE MAKE RAIDS

A squad of Gary police invaded central Africa last night and brought in 24 men and women for disorderly conduct, cardplaying and drunkenness charges.

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### ROOSEVELT IMPROVING

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—Early today it was announced at the hospital that Col. Roosevelt had passed a comfortable night. Previous bulletins reported that "the outlook is encouraging" and that the patient was making satisfactory progress.

The former president's physicians were to confer again today, but there was no indication that further operations would be necessary.

Dr. Walton Martin reported that Col. Roosevelt's temperature was again normal, his pulse 78, and that he was "resting as comfortably as can be expected."

He has been able to retain all nourishment and no complications have developed.

### WHERE IS TARTAR CHIEF AND BAND?



Colonel Gatozsky. What has become of the last of Russia's Tartar warriors? The answer is to be found in no dispatches received since Russia's brief, victorious drive in Galicia when Keren-sky ruled. Colonel Gatozsky was fame in that drive with his band of Tartars. He was chief of staff for Prince Bagratian, last descendant of the rulers of Georgia.